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A COAL mine fire, near Shawnee and Straightsville, Ohio, started during a strike in 1884, has already destroyed 20,000,000 tons of coal, worth \$45,000,000. Fortunes have been vainly spent by the government and private companies to extinguish it. It is believed the fire will burn for a century more. The village has been deserted by the inhabitants, who feared their homes would fall bodily into the underground furnace. This region is known as The Village of the Thousand Smokes.

The happiest man in Los Angeles is Ralph Burdick, a magazine agent and chewing gum vender, whom nature cheated out of the use of hands and feet. In his "Dogmobile" Burdick has traveled 5,000 miles in oen year.

There is an interesting exposition on how a thermometer is made in this issue of the magazine, showing especially how the boiling and freezing points are determined.

A novelty, "The Romance of Toyland," played by animated dolls, is an interesting feature of the issue and a collection of laughographs cause a number of broad smiles.

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